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C O N F I D E N T I A L MOGADISCIO 0974

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, SO, CH  
SUBJECT: SOMALI DELEGATION VISITS CHINA

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1. SOMALI NATIONAL NEWS AGENCY (SONNA)  
REPORTS THAT 15-MEMBER DELEGATION LEFT MOGADISCIO JUNE 9  
ENROUTE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC). DELEGATION HEADED BY  
SOMALI REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY (SRSP) CENTRAL COMMITTEE  
MEMBER MAJOR HAMSA MOHAMED GADAWAYNE, WHO IS CHAIRMAN SRSP  
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BUREAU FOR SECURITY, AND INCLUDED VICE CHAIRMAN BUREAU FOR  
POLITICAL SCIENCE INSTITUTE MOHAMED JAMA AHMED AND OTHER  
PARTY FUNCTIONARIES. SOMALIS WILL REMAIN IN CHINA APPROXIMATELY  
ONE MONTH "TO ACQUAINT THEMSELVES WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF THE  
CHINESE PEOPLE IN PARTY/GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS".

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2. COMMENT: AS ALWAYS BEFORE SUCH EVENTS, THERE HAVE BEEN RUMORS AND MUCH SPECULATION ABOUT MISSION TO CHINA. SOME DIPLOMATIC SOURCES THOUGHT VICE PRESIDENT ISMAIL ALI ABOKOR WOULD HEAD DELEGATION. WHETHER A LOWER-RANKING REPRESENTATIVE WAS SUBSTITUTED AT LAST MINUTE OR SOURCES SIMPLY HAD STORY WRONG WILL PROBABLY NEVER BE KNOWN. THERE IS ALSO SPECULATION THAT PURPOSE VISIT IS TO OBTAIN ARMS FROM CHINA; THIS REMAINS BE SEEN. TO COMPLICATE MATTERS FURTHER, IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO CHARACTERIZE VISIT TO CHINA AS STRICTLY ANTI-SOVIET MOVE. GSDR HAS TRADITIONALLY HAD CORDIAL RELATIONS WITH PRC, EVEN AT HEIGHT ITS ATTACHMENT TO SOVIETS. AND, KNOWING GSDR'S PENCHANT FOR KEEPING FOREIGN SUITORS OFF BALANCE IT WAS PROBABLY NO COINCIDENCE THAT HIGHLEVEL SRSP DELEGATIONS ARE CURRENTLY VISITING GERMAN DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC AND CZECHLOSOVAKIA (WERE INTER-PARTY AGREEMENT PROVIDING FOR REGULAR VISITS AND STUDY TOURS WAS SIGNED JUNE 10). MOREOVER PRESIDENT MOHAMED SIAD BARRE HELD MEETING WITH MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS JUNE 6 AT WHICH, ACCORDING SONNA, HE CLAIMED THAT REPORTS OF TROUBLE BETWEEN GSDR AND SOVIET UNION WERE "FALSE PROPAGANDA". WE CONCLUDE THAT DESPITE GSDR'S ESCALATING PROPAGANDA WAR ON SOVIETS' NEW PROTEGE, ETHIOPIA (SEPTTEL), GSDR IS NOT YET READY BURN BRIDGES TO MOSCOW.

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